My dear Sarah

Rome Oct. 29th 1821

How sorry I am that all this trouble has been occasioned by you ale— when you told me that my poor Father has taken it to heart— it grieves me beyond measure— I have suffered much deeply on the score of this unfortunate picture— and am still anxious to hear of its arrival— It has been stopped at Dover— where all things are stopped— this we were not aware of here until your letter arrived— the Messenger received orders to take it straight to England— which he has done— You will now please to get some of my Friends— to apply to Lt Simpson— 51st Kings own Light Infantry— who left Ancona on the 29th August with my pictures— he will tell where it was left— and every thing concerning it— you will find him by going to Lord Bathurst's office— When you have got the account— date it arrived at Dover— the vessel— and what other things may be necessary to include in it— Then send on the oath I have made— with the other particulars— and it will be done to your satisfaction— you— do you understand about it

sent according as you direct— have it straight— I did not know the information I now possess— and I can assure I was in ignorance— and I can assure I was in— it went away— that it had me up— Tell Father I have had (in an answer to Lady Westmorland per Lawrence) most favorable of the Comeil towards— am sure of the most kind treatment— I just discover I have the Marquis of Anglesea speaking for me and many other powerfull individuals— so that I shall be no loser— At the present time here the Nobility are coming very fast— I am occupied on a Miniature of Lady Westmorland and for the finishing of it am going with Her Ladyship to Civita Vecchia about 30 miles from Rome— I intend this my dear Father— to knock off a good many jobs this Winter among the English Nobility— or else to get good luck or bad with the R. A. I am sure of doing capital— Lady Westmorland introduces me to every one likely to serve me— and in such noble terms— that I trust

like my Lord.— I have been ill with the coming on of a desperate cold — but Dr Clark made me go to bed and now I am quite right again — they say I am making great progress in my studies I have finished many copies on a large scale — and done 6 original compositions.— Why! my dear Sarah did you not send to me when the time had expired for the Postage to arrive in London but like me I see you never did it.— I am sorry not to hear of you all but in this gloom — it gives me great pain — I shall long to hear of a happier picture.— pray present my respects to the kind Mr & Mrs Walker — say I have a long letter at heart for them — but this heavy weight about my picture prevents me writing — believe me my dear Sister Your affectionate Brother

I have to the sum of

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I Joseph Severn do make oath and
swear- That I am a British Subject- born
in the parish of Shoreditch near London-
and that the picture representing the
Death of Alcibiades- in size- 4 Feet-
2 Inches- by 3 Feet- 4 Inches.- and conveyed
by Lieut Simpson- bearer of Dispatches
from the Ionian Government to Lord Bathurst- His Majestys principal Secretary
of State for Colonial Affairs- who left
Ancona on the 29th of the past last-
is the production of my hand- and is executed
for the inspection of the Council of the Royal
Academy- and not for sale

Joseph Severn.

Sworn before me at Rome
this thirty first day of October 1828

John Parke- His B: M: Consul Genl
in the Roman States

The Case is directed thus

"To the under Secretary of State"

London

"Lorenzo for Severn

Student of the Royal Academy of Arts"